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SUBJECT: APPEAL OF AUSTRIAN CONSERVATIVE LEADER TO
PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT TO HOLD FREE ELECTIONS

1. KARL SCHLEINZER CHAIRMAN OF CONSERVATIVE AUSTRIAN
PEOPLE'S PARTY (OVP), WHICH IS MAJOR OPPOSITION PARTY
IN PARLIAMENT TO SOCIALIST GOVERNMENTAL PARTY, SENT
MESSAGES ON MARCH 25 TO PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT GOMES AND
PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES APPEALING TO THEM "TO TAKE
APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO ENSURE PROPER ELECTIONS FOR
PORTUGUESE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY".

2. THIS STEP REPORTEDLY TAKEN AFTER AUSTRIAN FONMIN
BIELKA TURNED DOWN EARLIER SCHLEINZER SUGGESTION THAT
GOA MAKE DEMARCHE IN LISBON EXPRESSING CONCERN OF
AUSTRIAN PEOPLE OVER VIOLATION OF RIGHT OF FREE FORMATION
OF POLITICAL PARTIES AND ASSOCIATIONS IN PORTUGAL.
ACCORDING TO OVP PRESS RELEASE, BIELKA CITED PRINCIPLE
OF NONINTERFERENCE IN AFFAIRS OF ANOTHER STATE AS
BASIS FOR HIS REFUSAL TO ACT.

3. IN SEPARATE BUT RELATED MOVE, SCHLEINZER HAS
ALSO SENT MESSAGES TO KAI UWE VON HASSEL, PRESIDENT
OF EUROPEAN UNION OF CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS, PROPOSING
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THAT CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTIES IN EUROPE MOUNT

JOINT ACTION TO SAVE PORTUGUESE DEMOCRACY AND
STATING THAT OVP STOOD READY TO TAKE PART IN ANY
JOINT EFFORT TO HELP SISTER PARTIES IN PORTUGAL.

4. DEPARTMENT REPEAT OTHER POSTS AS DESIRED.

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